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SUBJECT: NEW EC JUMELAGE SYSTEM FOR BEEF AND VEAL

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1. EC COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 76/76 (OFFICIAL JOURNAL NO. 1-10 OF JANUARY 17, 1976) IMPLEMENTS THE NEW EC JUMELAGE SYSTEM FOR BEEF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19. UNDER THE SYSTEM,IMPORT LICENSES CAN BE ISSUED FOR LIVE CATTLE FOR SLAUGHTER OVER 300 KGS(EX CXT NO. 01.02 AII); FRESH,CHILLED OR FROZEN BEEF OR VEAL (CXT NO. 02.01 A IIA); BEEF SALTED,IN BRINE,DRIED OR SMOKED (CXT NO. 02.06 C I A); AND CERTAIN PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEATS (EX CXT NO 16.02 B III B 1).

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2. THE ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PURCHASE

OF UNBONED FROZEN BEEF OUT OF EC INTERVENTION STOCKS.THERE IS NO QUANTITY LIMITATION SPECIFIED BUT THE COMMISSION WILL EXERCISE CONTROL THROUGH TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF INTERVENTION BEEF.

3. IMPORTS UNDER THE JUMELAGE SCHEME WILL STILL BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS DUTIES WHICH RANGE FROM 16 PERCENT (FOR CXT NO. 01.02) 20 PERCENT (FOR CXT NO. 02.01) AND 24 PERCENT (FOR CXT NO. 02.06), AS WELL AS A PRECENTAGE OF THE APPLICABLE IMPORT LEVY.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION,WE NOTE THAT THE SYSTEM IS AIMED AT ATTRACTING IMPORTS OF FROZEN BEEF INTENDED FOR PROCESSING SINCE THAT SORT OF BEEF WILL BE ASSESSED ONLY 5 PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE LEVY. (SEE COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 3350/75 IN OJ NO. L-330 OF DECEMBER 24, 1975 FOR THE LAST LEVIES FIXED FOR FROZEN BEEF) ALSO, TENDERS FOR EC UNBONED INTERVENTION BEEF MUST INDICATE ON THEIR TENDER WHETHER THEY INTEND TO IMPORT FROZEN MEAT FOR PROCESSING.

5. OTHER IMPORT CATEGORIES UNDER THE SYSTEM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PREPARED MEATS OR OFFALS UNDER CXT NO. 16.02 WILL HAVE 40 PERCENT OF THE LEVY APPLIED.(SEE COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 22/76 IN OJ NO. L-4 OF JAN. 9, 1976 FOR LATEST SCHEDULE OF LEVIES). IMPORTS OF PREPARED MEATS OR MEAT OFFALS ARE NORMALLY LEVY-FREE AND THUS SUBJECT ONLY TO A 26 PERCENT DUTY.

6. FOR THEPURPOSES OF THIS REGULATION,THE COMMISSION DEFINES PROCESSING AS THE MANUFACTURE OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:SALTED OR DRIED BONELESS BEEF (CXT NO. 02.06 C I A 2),SAUSAGES AND OTHER PREPARED MEAT OR OFFALS (CXT NO. 16.01 AND 16.02) EXCEPT MEAT OR OFFAL WHICH IS MINCED,CHOPPED OR I ONE PIECE AND SEASONED. THE BETTER TERMS FOR FROZEN BEEF FOR PROCESSING ARE CONDITIONED ON MEMBER STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AND A SURETY DEPOSIT REPRESENTING 50 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL LEVY.

7. IN A CONTINUING VEIN OF SOME IMPORTS BEING " MORE THAN EQUAL THAN OTHERS, " THE EC WILL ALLOW 2 KG.OF LIVE SLAUGHTER CATTLE TO BE IMPORTED FOR EVERY 1 KG. OF FROZEN UNBONED BEEF BOUGHT OUT OF EC INTERVENTION; A 1 FOR A KG RATIO FOR FRESH, CHILLED,OR FROZEN BEEF OR VEAL CUT INTO CARCASSES,HALF-CARCASSES,FOREQUARTERS,OR HIND-QUARTERS; A 0.8 KG.FOR 1 KG. RATIO FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER CUTS UNBONED AND 0.6 KG/1 KG. FOR OTHER BONELESS CUTS; AND 0.5KD/1 KG. FOR PREPARED MEATS UNDER CXT NOS. 02.06 AND 16.02
B III B 1.

8. THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING VALIDITY PERIODS FOR IMPORT LICENSES GRANTED UNDER THE JUMELAGE SCHEME:
FROZEN MEAT FROM NON- EUROPEAN COUNTRIES 90 DAYS
OTHER PRODUCTS FROM NON- EUROPEAN COUNTRIES 45 DAYS

PRODUCTS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES 30 DAYS

9. MISSION WILL FORWARD THE COMPLETE TEXT OF COMMISSION
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